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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masahiro IWAMOTO *et al.*)
Application No.: 08/878,177) Group Art Unit: 1653
Filed: June 18, 1997) Examiner: K. Carlson, Ph.D.
For: CELL CALCIFICATION SUPPRESSING)
PROTEINS AND GENES OF THE)
PROTEINS)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2000, the period for response to which has been extended three months through March 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 20, 22, 24, and 33. Please amend claims 21 and 26, as follows:

21. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a C-11 protein comprising the amino acids set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

26. A vector incorporating the isolated nucleic acid of claim 21 or 25.

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